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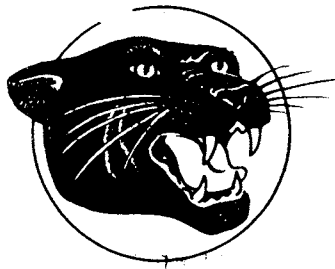
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (March 3, 1986)--It's show time for the Eastern Illinois men's basketball team. The Panthers--17-12 overall-- travel to Springfield, Mo. for the AMCU-8 Post-Season Tournament March 6-8.

EIU--which finished third in the league with an 8-6 mark and received the number three seed--will take on number six seed Valparaiso (9-18, 5-9) Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Ironically enough, the Crusaders defeated the Panthers twice during the regular season by 88-80 and 75-74 verdicts.

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WLBH radio (97 FM) in Mattoon will broadcast all of Eastern's AMCU-8 tournament games beginning with the EIU-Valparaiso contest Thursday. Marc Stuart will do the play-by-play with the pre-game show beginning at 3:20 p.m..

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"I'm pleased with our seed in the tournament," admits Eastern Illinois head coach Rick Samuels. "We are opposite Cleveland State and wouldn't meet them until the finals. However, our first objective is to beat Valparaiso. They give us problems in the fact that we don't matchup well with them. We must rebound better and not let them get second and third shots like they did earlier this season."

The winner of the Eastern Illinois-Valparaiso contest will take on the winner of (No. 2) Southwest Missouri- (No. 7) Wisconsin-Green Bay Friday night at either 6:35 or 8:35 p.m. The title game is Saturday night at 7:35 p.m.

MEDIA NOTE: Eastern Illinois assistant sports information director Don Kojich can be reached at the Springfield, Mo. University Plaza beginning Wednesday afternoon. The phone number is (417) 864-7333.

PROBABLE STARTING

LINEUPS:

	<u>EIU</u>	<u>VALPO</u>
F	Jon Collins, 6-4, Sr., 19.8	Jerome Battle, 6-6, So., 3.1
F	Dave Vance, 6-5, Fr., 3.6	Harry Bell, 6-4, So., 13.4
C	Kevin Duckworth, 7-0, Sr., 19.1	Jim Steuve, 6-7, Sr., 10.1
G	Doug Crook, 6-1, Sr., 13.6	Todd Smith, 5-11, Fr., 5.9
G	Jay Taylor, 6-2, Fr., 7.8	Brett Hughes, 6-1, Sr., 7.1

A YEAR AGO: Eastern Illinois was 17-10 at this time last season before sweeping through the field to win its first AMCU-8 Post-season Tournament. The Panthers defeated Southwest Missouri, 75-64, to capture the title.

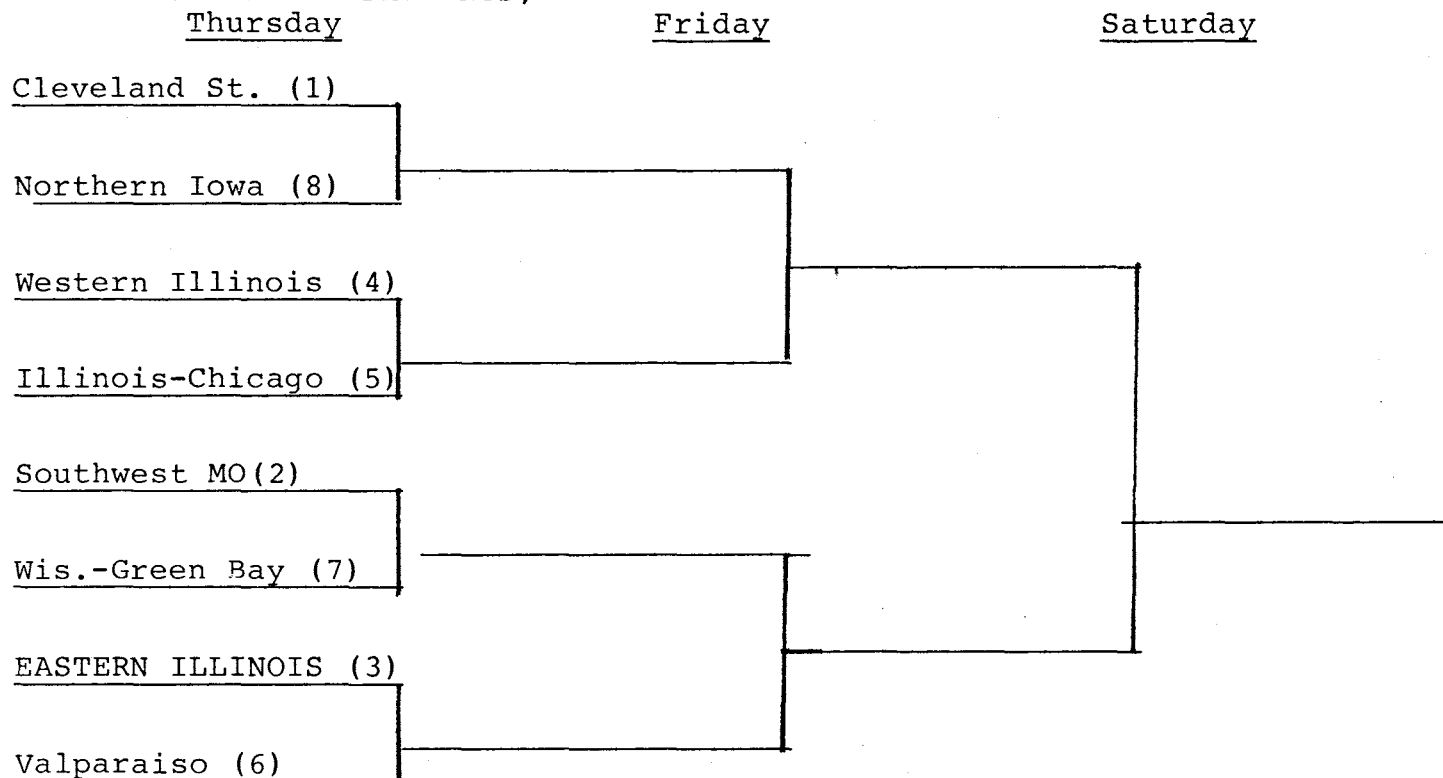
WHAT A FINISH: Senior center **KEVIN DUCKWORTH** accomplished a feat Saturday night most athletes and laymen only dream about. The imposing 7-0, 290-pounder closed out his Eastern career at home by scoring a career-high 31 points en route to the Panthers 95-70 win over Illinois-Chicago. "Sir Duck" hit 13 of 15 from the field and 5 of 6 from the charity stripe. He also garnered a game-high 12 boards to become EIU's all-time leading rebounder with 840. Bob Rickett (1962-65) held the old mark of 828 for 21 years. Duckworth was named the AMCU-8 Player of the Week for his accomplishments.

PRIME TIME PLAYER: **SIR DUCK** has been attracting a great deal of national exposure lately. Duckworth was named the **MOST UNDERRATED PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY** by a poll conducted by **CBS SPORTS** through the National Association Basketball Coaches. He was featured at half-time of the Duke-Oklahoma game a couple of weeks ago. The technology education major is averaging 19.1 points and 9.1 rebounds a contest. His 263 boards as a senior is a AMCU-8 single-season mark. He is ranked in the top 15 in the country in field goal percentage with a .625 mark. Over the past six contests Duckworth has canned a 50 of his last 68 attempts from the field for a scorching .735.. **Basketball Weekly** just named him one of the **TOP 50** seniors in the country last week.

GRABBING THE BRASS RING: All-American forward **JON COLLINS** IS 11 points shy of becoming EIU's all-time leading scorer. The E. St. Louis, Ill. native has 1645 career points while John Milholland (1956-58) holds the school mark with 1655. Collins leads the team in scoring with a 19.8 average and has scored in double figures in 50 consecutive games and 84 of his last 87. He scored 21 points and grabbed four boards in the Panthers 95-70 win over Illinois-Chicago.

AMONG THE ELITE: Fifth-year senior **DOUG CROOK** moved into 10th place in Eastern Illinois scoring history with a 19-point effort against Illinois-Chicago. He has 1148 career points while over-taking Jeff Furry (1973-76) who tallied 1146. "Crooker"--one of the inspirational leaders of the squad--is third on the team in scoring with a 13.6 average. He also chalked up eight boards in the win against the Flames.

AMCU-8 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS;



HOW THEY STAND:

	FINAL AMCU-8 STANDINGS	
	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	W	L
1. Cleveland State	13	1
2. Southwest MO.	10	4
3. Eastern Illinois	8	6
4. Western Illinois	7	7
Illinois-Chicago	7	7
6. Valparaiso	5	9
7. Wis.-Green Bay	3	11
Northern Iowa	3	11

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics -- Eastern Illinois 1985-86
(Includes 29 Games)

PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PIS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Jon Collins	29/ 29	237/ 473	.501	100/ 131	.763	574	19.8	137	4.7	54/ 0	68	78	2	27	1060
Kevin Duckworth	29/ 29	220/ 352	.625	115/ 152	.757	555	19.1	263	9.1	104/ 6	19	60	36	22	920
Doug Crook	29/ 29	175/ 365	.480	44/ 58	.759	394	13.6	99	3.4	72/ 0	85	44	0	51	998
Jay Taylor	26/ 3	81/ 178	.455	44/ 61	.721	206	7.9	67	2.6	38/ 1	92	58	1	32	553
Norm Evans	29/ 26	59/ 131	.450	21/ 35	.600	139	4.8	85	2.9	62/ 2	100	58	11	55	730
Dave Vance	22/ 14	30/ 62	.484	29/ 37	.784	89	4.1	78	3.6	30/ 0	39	33	1	8	514
Ronnie Duckworth	17/ 7	25/ 50	.500	12/ 25	.480	62	3.7	65	3.8	35/ 3	12	19	6	4	313
Brian Murphy	21/ 0	14/ 32	.438	17/ 23	.739	45	2.1	28	1.3	28/ 0	3	4	2	5	143
Mike West	25/ 8	20/ 48	.417	4/ 13	.308	44	1.8	71	2.8	38/ 0	13	34	3	7	392
Jerry Strickland	15/ 0	7/ 19	.368	10/ 11	.909	24	1.6	11	.7	7/ 0	5	3	0	3	59
Don Peavey	10/ 0	5/ 13	.385	5/ 7	.714	15	1.5	8	.8	3/ 0	4	6	0	1	36
Todd Emro	7/ 0	2/ 3	.667	2/ 4	.500	6	.9	3	.4	2/ 0	2	1	0	0	11
Drew Beck	12/ 0	3/ 9	.333	4/ 6	.667	10	.8	15	1.3	4/ 0	8	7	0	0	71
Team Rebounds								85							
ETU	29/ 29	878/1735	.506	407/ 563	.723	2163	74.6	1015	35.0	477/12	450	405	62	215	—
Team Rebounds								73							
Opponent Totals	29/ 29	875/1790	.489	332/ 476	.698	2082	71.8	964	33.2	519/10	464	377	76	221	—

~~PER GAME AVERAGES~~

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PIS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Jon Collins	8.2	16.3	3.5	4.5	19.8	4.7	2.4	2.7	.1	.9	36.6
Kevin Duckworth	7.6	12.1	4.0	5.2	19.1	9.1	.7	2.1	1.2	.8	31.7
Doug Crook	6.0	12.6	1.5	2.0	13.6	3.4	2.9	1.5	.0	1.8	34.4
Jay Taylor	3.1	6.9	1.7	2.4	7.9	2.6	3.5	2.2	.0	1.2	21.3
Norm Evans	2.0	4.5	.7	1.2	4.8	2.9	3.5	2.0	.4	1.9	25.2
Dave Vance	1.4	2.8	1.3	1.7	4.1	3.6	1.8	1.5	.1	.4	23.4
Ronnie Duckworth	1.5	2.9	.7	1.5	3.7	3.8	.7	1.1	.4	.2	18.4
Brian Murphy	.7	1.5	.8	1.1	2.1	1.3	.1	.2	.0	.2	6.8
Mike West	.8	1.9	.2	.5	1.8	2.8	.5	1.4	.1	.3	15.7
Jerry Strickland	.5	1.3	.7	.7	1.6	.7	.3	.2	.0	.2	3.9
Don Peavey	.5	1.3	.5	.7	1.5	.8	.4	.6	.0	.1	3.6
Todd Emro	.3	.4	.3	.6	.9	.4	.3	.1	.0	.0	1.6
Drew Beck	.3	.8	.3	.5	.8	1.3	.7	.6	.0	.0	5.9
ETU	30.3	59.8	14.0	19.4	74.6	35.0	15.5	14.0	2.1	7.4	—
Opponent Totals	30.2	61.7	11.5	16.4	71.8	33.2	16.0	13.0	2.6	7.6	—

Conference
Basketball Statistics — Eastern Illinois 1985-86
(Includes 14 Games)

-PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Kevin Duckworth	14/ 14	120/ 177	.678	59/ 81	.728	299	21.4	135	9.6	47/ 1	12	33	17	11	471
Jon Collins	14/ 14	114/ 235	.485	38/ 49	.776	266	19.0	62	4.4	29/ 0	33	41	1	14	527
Doug Crook	14/ 14	84/ 183	.459	11/ 18	.611	179	12.8	57	4.1	36/ 0	43	16	0	21	500
Jay Taylor	14/ 3	44/ 83	.530	15/ 26	.577	103	7.4	28	2.0	24/ 1	57	31	1	15	299
Dave Vance	8/ 6	16/ 27	.593	16/ 19	.842	48	6.0	34	4.3	9/ 0	13	14	0	2	212
Norm Evans	14/ 11	22/ 51	.431	12/ 17	.706	56	4.0	33	2.4	28/ 0	49	18	3	26	311
Ronnie Duckworth	10/ 4	13/ 27	.482	8/ 16	.500	34	3.4	39	3.9	21/ 1	4	12	2	1	179
Don Peavey	4/ 0	3/ 3	1.000	5/ 7	.714	11	2.8	4	1.0	0/ 0	3	0	0	1	12
Brian Murphy	12/ 0	8/ 17	.471	7/ 8	.875	23	1.9	13	1.1	16/ 0	2	4	1	2	81
Mike West	12/ 4	9/ 19	.474	2/ 4	.500	20	1.7	23	1.9	12/ 0	4	19	0	3	161
Drew Beck	4/ 0	1/ 4	.250	4/ 4	1.000	6	1.5	5	1.3	2/ 0	2	7	0	0	30
Jerry Strickland	5/ 0	3/ 5	.600	0/ 0	.000	6	1.2	3	.6	2/ 0	0	1	0	1	15
Todd Emro	2/ 0	0/ 0	.000	0/ 0	.000	0	.0	0	.0	0/ 0	1	1	0	0	2
Team Rebounds								49							

EUU	14/ 14	437/ 831	.526	177/ 249	.711	1051	75.1	485	34.6	226/ 3	223	197	25	97	—
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Team Rebounds								40							
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Opponent Totals	14/ 14	431/ 866	.498	149/ 225	.662	1011	72.2	460	32.9	245/ 4	224	173	25	102	—
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-PER GAME AVERAGES-

-PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PTS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN-
Kevin Duckworth	8.6	12.6	4.2	5.8	21.4	9.6	.9	2.4	1.2	.8	33.6
Jon Collins	8.1	16.8	2.7	3.5	19.0	4.4	2.4	2.9	.1	1.0	37.6
Doug Crook	6.0	13.1	.8	1.3	12.8	4.1	3.1	1.1	.0	1.5	35.7
Jay Taylor	3.1	5.9	1.1	1.9	7.4	2.0	4.1	2.2	.1	1.1	21.4
Dave Vance	2.0	3.4	2.0	2.4	6.0	4.3	1.6	1.8	.0	.3	26.5
Norm Evans	1.6	3.6	.9	1.2	4.0	2.4	3.5	1.3	.2	1.9	22.2
Ronnie Duckworth	1.3	2.7	.8	1.6	3.4	3.9	.4	1.2	.2	.1	17.9
Don Peavey	.8	.8	1.3	1.8	2.8	1.0	.8	.0	.0	.3	3.0
Brian Murphy	.7	1.4	.6	.7	1.9	1.1	.2	.3	.1	.2	6.8
Mike West	.8	1.6	.2	.3	1.7	1.9	.3	1.6	.0	.3	13.4
Drew Beck	.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.3	.5	1.8	.0	.0	7.5
Jerry Strickland	.6	1.0	.0	.0	1.2	.6	.0	.2	.0	.2	3.0
Todd Emro	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.5	.5	.0	.0	1.0

EUU	31.2	59.4	12.6	17.8	75.1	34.6	15.9	14.1	1.8	6.9	—
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Opponent Totals	30.8	61.9	10.6	16.1	72.2	32.9	16.0	12.4	1.8	7.3	—
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-SEASON HIGHS/LOWS-

-		Eastern Illinois	Opponent	-
Points 1st Half:	High	48 vs Illinois Tech	49 by Cleveland State	
	Low	21 vs Colorado State	15 by Wisc.-Green Bay	
Points 2nd Half:	High	55 vs Illinois-Chicago	63 by Cleveland State	
	Low	32 vs Wis.-Green Bay	22 by Illinois Tech	
Total Points:	High	96 vs Illinois Tech	112 by Cleveland State	
	Low	57 vs Pan American	52 by Northern Iowa	
Field Goals:	High	41 vs Illinois Tech	42 by Cleveland State	
	Low	20 vs Wis.-Green Bay	21 by Pan American	
Field Goals Attempted:	High	76 vs Butler	80 by Northern Iowa	
	Low	39 vs Wis.-Green Bay	46 by Indiana State	
Field Goal Percentage:	High	.674 vs SW Missouri	.619 by Valparaiso	
	Low	.333 vs Colorado State	.364 by Illinois Tech	
Free Throws:	High	25 vs Butler	28 by Cleveland State	
	Low	4 vs Cleveland State	4 by Illinois-Chicago	
Free Throws Attempted:	High	34 vs Butler	38 by Cleveland State	
	Low	5 vs Cleveland State	5 by Illinois Tech	
Free Throw Percentage:	High	.952 vs William Penn	.895 by BYU-Hawaii	
	Low	.412 vs Northern Iowa	.375 by Wisc.-Green Bay	
Total Rebounds:	High	52 vs Illinois Tech	54 by Northern Iowa	
	Low	20 vs South Alabama	21 by Wisc.-Green Bay	
Assists:	High	24 vs Butler	25 by Valparaiso	
	Low	9 vs NE Louisiana	7 by Wisc.-Green Bay	
Blocked Shots:	High	5 vs Evansville	8 by BYU-Hawaii	
	Low	0 vs Illinois-Chicago	0 by Southwest Missouri	
Steals:	High	19 vs Millikin	18 by Cleveland State	
	Low	4 vs Southwest Missouri	3 by Western Illinois	
Turnovers:	High	25 vs Cleveland State	23 by Millikin	
	Low	8 vs NE Louisiana	6 by Chicago State	
Personal Fouls:	High	28 vs Colorado State	25 by Butler	
	Low	9 vs William Penn	8 by Cleveland State	

-SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL-	-DEADBALL REBOUNDS-
EUU	988	1175	0	0	2163	47
Opponent Totals	967	1115	0	0	2082	46

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	17-12	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	82578	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	2848
AMCU-8	8- 6	HOME	34013	HOME AVERAGE	2616
Seasider Classic	2- 0	AWAY	48565	AWAY AVERAGE	3035

#	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	LOC	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDER	OPP HI SCORER	OPP HI REBOUNDER
	Illinois Tech	96- 52 W	1492	H	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 16	Four players 8	Evans 7
	William Penn	78- 62 W	1213	H	Collins 25	K. Duckworth 10	Brown 14	O'Bryant 7
	Minnesota	69- 87 L	11650	A	K. Duckworth 24	K. Duckworth 11	Shasky 22	Shasky 6
	Colorado State	62- 83 L	4103	A	Collins 13	Taylor 8	Turoctte 17	Dudley 10
	Indiana State	59- 60 L	4649	A	Collins 21	West 7	Williams 25	McComb 14
	Millikin	85- 66 W	1972	H	Collins 20, Crook 20	West 7	Barnes 18	Barnes 9
	Pan American	57- 56 W	3245	A	Collins 14	K. Duckworth 7	Anderson 17	Johnson 9
	Butler	81- 78 W	1214	A	Collins 21	K. Duckworth 11	Tucker 25	Gallahar 9
	\$South Alabama	70- 61 W	500	N	Crook 20	K. Duckworth 7	Kortokrax 14	Kortokrax 13
	\$BYU-Hawaii	77- 73 W	853	N	Collins 28	K. Duckworth 11	White 19	White 8
	NE Louisiana	68- 90 L	730	A	Collins 22	K.Duckworth 6, Coll 16	James 19	Jenkins 10
	Butler	81- 66 W	2508	H	Collins 24	K. Duckworth 17	Fitzgerald 22	Gallahar 8
	#Northern Iowa	67- 66 W	2602	A	K.Duckworth 22	K.Duckworth 9	Kraayenbrink 21	McDermott 11
	#Western Illinois	81- 68 W	2756	H	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 10	Wright 20	Presswood 7
	#Wis.-Green Bay	77- 52 W	2326	H	K.Duckworth 20	Vance, K.Duck. 6	Cottrell 15	Cottrell 8
	#SW Missouri	68- 67 W	6791	A	K. Duckworth 23	K. Duckworth 7	Garland 26	Ward, Bell 5
	#Cleveland State	89-112 L	6235	H	Collins 33	K.Duckworth 13	Smith 25	Mudd 8
	#Valparaiso	80- 88 L	2563	H	K.Duckworth 26	K.Duckworth 10	Bell 24	Bell 9
	#Illinois-Chicago	79- 85 L	1044	A	Crook 24	K. Duck 5, Coll 5	Locke 26	Knar 10, Charb. 10
	Evansville	84- 72 W	1424	H	Collins, Crook, 19	K. Duckworth 8	Jones 18	Friedhauf 7
	#Northern Iowa	68- 52 W	2406	H	K.Duckworth 17	K.Duckworth 12	Kraayenbrink 19	Nurse 6
	#Western Illinois	74- 68 W	2988	A	K. Duckworth 22	K. Duckworth 11	Presswood 21	Presswood 10
	NE Louisiana	69- 73 L	2423	H	K.Duckworth 25	R.Duckworth 8	Jenkins 33	Jenkins 15
	#Southwest Missouri	72- 74 L	2487	H	K. Duckworth 27	Crook 8	Garland 20	Three players w/3
	#Wis.-Green Bay	59- 58 W	1008	A	Collins 22	K. Duckworth 10	Cottrell 22	Nardi 6
	Chicago State	76- 92 L	2249	A	Collins 23	K. Duckworth 8	Bell 26	Bell, Jones 6
	#Valparaiso	74- 75 L	1250	A	K.Duckworth 21	K.Duckworth 9	Stave 21	Bell 9
	#Cleveland State	68- 76 L	3689	A	Collins 20	K. Duckworth 14	Smith 13	Mudd 10
	#Illinois-Chicago	95- 70 W	4208	H	K.Duckworth 31	K.Duckworth 12	Locke 16	Johnson 7